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COUNTY OFFICES TO CLOSE FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY ***Local Assistance Centers for Fire Victims to Be Open Friday and Saturday***

All County of San Diego offices and courts will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 1.

The County's Local Assistance Centers for fire victims in Alpine, Ramona and Valley Center will be closed on Thursday, but open on Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The LACs will be closed on Sunday.

County parks will remain open for the holiday, except those affected by the recent wildfires, while essential services such as law enforcement will remain available. To find out which parks are closed, log onto www.sdparks.org or call the County Parks reservation center at (858) 565-3600.

Beginning today, Nov. 25, the hours for picking up erosion control devices will change. Residents of burned areas in unincorporated communities will be able to pick up such items as sand and gravel bags, straw mats, fiber rolls and seed mix – free of charge – from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturdays only** at County road stations in Alpine, Julian, Lakeside, Ramona and Valley Center.

Also, a disaster recovery center has opened in Julian at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church on 4th Street between B and C. It offers services from FEMA, SBA, and California Office of Emergency Services. It will also provide help for those needing Disaster Food Stamps, mental health services, or donations from individual charities. The Julian center's hours will be Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. It also will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

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